

FLAT-WOOD LANDS.

A few years ago, what is commonly known in Florida as "flat-woods land" was considered almost worthless. Its only use was to furnish range for cattle. Its market value was merely nominal, and there was no demand for it at any price.

It was discovered, at Hastings, that such soil, when properly drained, was the very best Irish potato land that could be found in Florida. The result has been that the land around Hastings, which could formerly be bought at very low prices, is now held at an almost fabulous advance.

Besides being very good for potatoes, the growers in that locality are finding that it is adapted to several other kinds of vegetables, such as cucumbers, celery, beans, onions, etc., etc.

All these successes, at Hastings, have been reported by the newspapers, with the result that trials of flat-woods soil in other counties has brought to light the fact that very much of it is also well adapted to truck farming. Eventually it will be found that, with the possible exception of hammock land, the flat-woods land is the best in the state for gardening purposes.

The composition of the soil of this class of lands varies in different localities. But it is underlaid by sub-natural drainage is usually very defective, and often the surface of the soil is covered with water for days at a time during the rainy season. Therefore a thoroughly efficient system of drainage is necessary before any garden crop can be successfully grown.

The impervious subsoil, whether of clay or hard-pan is a serious drawback during a prolonged drouth. In such case the soil above the clay or hardpan sometimes becomes entirely dried out and, as no moisture can come up from below, plants occasionally die from drouth, when similar crops in the same neighborhood, but growing on high pine or hammock land, still live through, owing to the fact that on higher land, there being no impervious sub-soil, moisture is being constantly brought from below by capillary attraction.

Therefore it follows that for a certainty of successful cultivation, the gardener on flat-woods soil requires not only a system of perfect drainage, but also some method by which his crop can be irrigated in seasons of drouth.

When both these are provided, such land is an ideal spot for a truck farm. —Florida Agriculturist.

Doctors Said He Would Not Live.

Peter Fry, Woodruff, Pa., writes: "After doctoring for two years with the best physicians in Waynesburg, and still getting worse, the doctors advised me that if I had any business to attend to I had better attend to it at once, as I could not possibly live another month as there was no cure for me. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me by a friend, and I immediately sent my son to the store for it and after taking three bottles I began to get better and continued to improve until I was entirely well." Postoffice Drug Store. m

To Cross With Buffalos.

This year I have several head of calves only one-eighth blood and will give them every chance to take black-leg in order to test them, although I think they are immune. I have been trying for several years to establish a race of cattle from the buffalo. So far I have only partially succeeded. When this is done it will be the greatest thing for the cattle industry of America. They have some characteristics that are very valuable to this interest. Besides their great weight and the great extra quality of meat, they are first probably immune from disease; second, they never eat loco; third, they never lie with their backs down hill, which causes so much loss in weak cattle; forth they do not go in to bog holes; fifth: they have the greatest lungs in any animal on earth; and, sixth, they put on more flesh for what they eat than any other animal. — Charles Goodnight in Stockman Journal.

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Dr. Blitch's Report on State Convicts and Prisoners.

Dr. S. H. Blitch, state prison physician and hospital surgeon of the convict camps, under date of June 20, submitted his report to Hon. B. E. McLin, commissioner of Agriculture.

Dr. Blitch says that the sanitary condition of the turpentine and phosphate camps throughout Florida are in as good condition as existing circumstances will admit. Wherever he has suggested changes the suggestions have been followed. He says the prisoners are all in excellent physical condition and that the pro rata of sick prisoners is so small that he deemed it unnecessary to go into details.

He says that there is not a single prisoner under confinement at this time in the state prison with symptoms of tuberculosis and only two suffering from malaria. To use his language he says, "In my judgment, such a condition is unparalleled in any institution of the kind in the world."

But, Dr. Blitch calls attention to a condition of things that deserves the prompt attention of the state officials. He says.

"It has been my observation that prisoners received at headquarters camp were in nine cases out of ten in such a filthy, unsanitary and debilitated condition that they were not fit, without thorough renovating and removal of vermin, to come in contact with their fellow prisoners."

Dr. Blitch commends very highly the hospital erected near Ocala for the treatment of the decrepit, chronic and otherwise wornout prisoners from the various prison camps of the state, and says it has done a very humane work and at the same time has been a matter of economy to the state, as sixty per cent. of the prisoners received at the hospital would have been a total loss to the state had they not received this beneficent treatment.

Ample arrangements have been made to isolate contagious and infectious diseases and to separate the sexes as well as the colors, yet Dr. Blitch trusts that the state may see its way clear at some future date to provide its own institutions for the care and maintenance of its prisoners.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Gobolick, of Colusa, Aal. writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and its the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for liver and kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Tydings & Co. m

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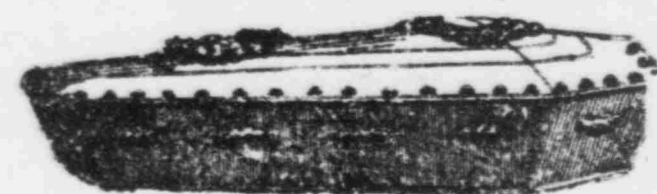
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